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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOVA ITINERARY

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1. MME ZHIVKOVA HAS DECIDED TO TAKE HER OWN INTERPRETER, RATHER THAN RELY ON INTERPRETERS FURNISHED BY BULGARIAN UN MISSION OR BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. ACCORDINGLY, MISS HELEN POP-TODOROVA (RPT POP-TODOROVA), SENIOR ENGLISH INTERPRETER, BULGARIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL ACCOMPANY AND MUST BE INCLUDED ALL EVENTS WHICH INCLUDE MME. ZHIVKOVA WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION ONLY OF KENNEDY CENTER PERFORMANCE JUNE 13 WHERE DIMENSIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL BOX INDICATE THAT AMBASSADOR POPOV WILL HAVE TO DO THE INTERPRETING CHORES. POP-TODOROVA'S ENGLISH IS TRULY EXCELLENT, VERY CLOSE TO THAT OF NATIVE SPEAKER OF BRITISH ENGLISH. SHE IS FULLY ABLE TO DO SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION, SHOULD THAT APPEAR INDICATED.

2. WE ARE DISTRESSED AT APPARENT EXCLUSION OF PROFESSOR VELICHKO MINEKOV, RECTOR OF THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS, FROM MANY OF THE EVENTS, AND OF AMBASSADOR CHAVDAR DAMYANOV FROM SOME OF THE EVENTS. AS FAR AS THOSE EVENTS ARRANGED

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OR HOSTED BY USG AND ITS OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED, BOTH MINEKOV AND DAMYANOV SHOULD BE INCLUDED. THIS INCLUDES OFFICIAL CALLS, TOURS, LUNCHEES, DINNERS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT. (WE ASSUME THAT AT KENNEDY CENTER, WHILE THEY CANNOT SIT IN THE BOX, THEY WILL HAVE SEATS NEVERTHELESS.) ONLY EXCEPTION MIGHT BE TEA HOSTED BY MRS. MONDALE WHERE, IF NECESSARY, INVITATION COULD BE LIMITED TO MME ZHIVKOVA AND HER

INTERPRETER, MISS POP-TODOROVA (AND PRESUMABLY AMBASSADOR POPOV).  
WE FEAR, FOR INSTANCE, THAT APPARENT EXCLUSION OF MINEKOV  
FROM WOLF TRAP EVENT WOULD BE PERCEIVED AS AN AFFRONT.

3. DAMYANOV BELIEVES MME ZHIVKOVA WILL DEFINITELY WISH TO  
INVESTIGATE EDUCATION OF GIFTED CHILDREN IN NEW YORK; CAN  
SOMETHING OF THIS NATURE BE FITTED IN? DAMYANOV THOUGHT  
SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO FOREGO CBS TOUR IF NECESSARY, BUT  
PRESUMABLY IT WOULD BE AWKWARD TO CANCEL THIS NOW.

4. WE NOTE NO MENTION OF HOTELS IN WASHINGTON. ASSUME  
BULGARIAN EMBASSY FULLY AWARE THIS IS ITS RESPONSIBILITY.

5. RE LA PROGRAM: COULD THEY NOT TOUR UNIVERSAL AFTERNOON  
OF JUNE 11 AND DISNEYLAND MORNING OF JUNE 12? IF THAT  
NOT POSSIBLE, SUGGEST DROP UNIVERSAL AND SCHEDULE DISNEYLAND  
JUNE 11.

6. SUGGEST FOREIGN PRESS CENTER GO AHEAD AND MAKE ARRANGE-  
MENTS FOR TOMOV AND CREW FOR TIMES WHEN THEY ABSOLUTELY  
CANNOT ACCOMPANY ZHIVKOVA, BUT PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT  
CREW'S ORDERS WILL BE TO PREPARE AS COMPLETE A RECORD OF HER  
TRIP AS POSSIBLE. FOR INSTANCE, IF THEY COULD COVER WOLF  
TRAP THIS WOULD HAVE FAVORABLE INCIDENTAL FALL-OUT HERE IN BULGARIA.

7. CONFIRM ARRIVAL NEW YORK JUN 7 AT 1530 HOURS LOCAL VIA  
AIR FRANCE 077.  
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